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Call For Military Training Hailed

Marks Forward Step for Nisei; All British Subjects Will Be Called, Says Registrar

VANCOUVER.—The inclusion of Canadian-born Japanese in British Columbia in military training medical examinations has been greeted by the Japanese community with an earnest desire to do its part, and put an end to fears that second generation would not be permitted to join with fellow Canadians in the government plan of training for purposes of Home Defence.

On every side opinion has been unanimous that acceptance of second generation as full-fledged British subjects, liable to military training as citizens, has marked a forward step and will enable Japanese Canadians to demonstrate their loyalty in actual deed.

The majority of second generation youths affected by the draft were keenly enthusiastic over the prospect of a soldier's life in camp for a month. The opportunity to escape from the daily routine was eagerly welcomed.

Postponements have been granted to numbers engaged in seasonal occupations, to travellers, and to students attending foreign schools.

Steveston Resolution

STEVESTON, B. C. — At a meeting held here last Friday, the Steveston Japanese Association put itself on record as supporting the Government military training plan to the fullest extent, passing a resolution to that effect.

Will Be Called—Registrar

VANCOUVER. — Unless the Federal Government issues instructions to the contrary, Canadian-born Chinese and Japanese will be called for training in military camps, Charles G. Pennock, Registrar for National War Services for Administrative District No. 13 (B. C.), declared Tuesday.

"I have instructions to call all British subjects 21 years of age, who are single or widowers," he stated.

—Photo by Charles K. Momose.

"There's something about a soldier that stirs the blood; and pressure going up indicates the excitement with which young Canadian-born Japanese received notification to report for medical examinations prior to being called up for compulsory military training. Some 800 second generation are included in the first age group of 21-24, subject under proclamation to train in camp for a month for purposes of home defence.

A familiar scene in doctors' offices throughout the Dominion last week was such a one as this, where Seiji Onizuka, Sports Editor of The New Canadian, receives a blood pressure test from Dr. Harold Shimokura at the Japanese Clinic on Pender Street. Commonest physical defects reported by doctors were poor eyesight, underweight and fallen arches.

Weekly Whirligig

By K. W.

Japanese Virility . . . A recent report from the Vancouver Metropolitan Health Board indicates that the crude death rate among the Japanese is the lowest and the birth rate the highest among all racial groups in the city.

To the student of social science these figures are most illuminating, especially when put together with the trends for the past decade. The virility of the group is probably accountable for by the age-distribution, and the predominance of younger people in the Japanese community. It indicates that despite the increasing age of the first generation, the natural increase has been such as to lower the death rate for the whole population.

On the other hand the birth rate continues to show a downward trend, bearing out our familiar contention that the much-feared fertility of the Japanese in the past has been due not to inherent racial traits, but rather to the highly favourable age-sex-distribution of the first generation immigrants. Now that this very favourable stage is passing, the birth rate continues to decline, since second generation, as yet, have not begun to bear sufficient children to offset the decline in births.

At the same time, it is perfectly true that we are not taking fullest advantage of favourable age conditions to be the healthiest group in the province. Too often we have let environmental conditions practically undo all the good which biological conditions may have brought to us. For instance it is well known that infant mortality in the Japanese community is far from satisfactory, and the tuberculosis rate is abnormally high. There is much work to do before we can gaze upon the health of the community with any degree of complacency.

Medical Examinations . . . conducted recently by the physicians in the city upon the 21-year-old Niseis called for military training vividly illustrates how guilty we have been in failing to make ourselves a supremely healthy group. Here we have a group of youth whose physical standards ought to be the highest in the community, and yet doctors estimate that only 25 per cent could be classed as Category A, that is without physical defect of any kind.

Three very common defects were found, all of which ought to be and can be avoided: lack of weight, flat feet, and poor vision. If tests have shown these to be common defects, then we ought to embark upon a vigorous campaign to bring up younger children unmarred by these faults.

Festival Opens Doors To Visitors

Japanese Represented By Exhibits, Dances

Once again, after weeks of suppressed excitement and activity, for the eighth time in the city's cultural history, the Vancouver Folk Festival has opened its doors to lovers of native art. And once again, the Japanese community will hold her own with other exhibitors to add a touch of Oriental splendour to the cultural program.

The contribution to the festival program for Friday will be two dances, the "Shiki no Asobi" (Play of the Seasons) by Harumi Tomotsuga and "Maeko" (Seeing Sakura of Kyoto) by Ikumi Yamashita and Lucy Takemoto, with records supplying the musical background.

The exhibit, bounded on one side by the exotic, ornate colorfulness of ancient Syria, and on the other, by the variegated peasant-craft of Doukhbour women, is a study of austere simplicity, the focal point of interest being a Japanese scroll, kindly loaned by Mr. Meinoske Ishiwara, entitled "Snow," a work of the famous contemporary artist, Shinkyo Yamamoto.

Tuesday evening Mrs. T. Tonogai, director of the Ryubiki School of Japanese Dance, played the samisen while Harumi Tomotsuga appeared in "Yashima Kanjo" and Ikumi Yamashita and Lucy Takemoto danced to "Suehiro Gari."

Mayor Telford honoured the Festival with his presence at the official opening which took place Tuesday evening.

People Moving Must Notify Registrars

Attention is drawn to regulations in force under National Registration, which require every person who changes his address to notify the registrar of his electoral district within two weeks' time of the change. Local officials point out the necessity of observing the regulation in connection with the difficulty encountered last week in locating a youth subject to military training.

Every person who moves or marries after Registration is required to notify the registrar in his district and report the name of the person married.

Similarly it is pointed out that anyone returning to Canada who has not registered must do so at the post office; while all those who attain their sixteenth birthday are also required to register at the post office within thirty days.

Ocean Falls Nisei At Labor Congress

Highlighted by the addresses by Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, Hon. George S. Pearson, provincial minister of labor, and His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor Hamber, the fifty-sixth annual convention of the congress opened at Hotel Vancouver Monday morning.

Japanese Delegates

Among the 300 delegates taking part in the convention were Mr. T. Umezuki of the Camp and Mill Workers and Victor A. Saito representing the Japanese section of the Ocean Falls Pulp and Sulphite Workers Local 312 and president of the Japanese Canadian Club.

In brief, the policy of organized labour as laid down in the annual report of the executive council is to maintain and safeguard the democratic way of living and to support, at all times, constituted authority, while also prosecuting Canada's war effort to the full.

On The Newsfront

Bussei Convention Plans Whipping Into Shape

VANCOUVER. — The plans for the eventful B. C. Convention of Young Buddhists are being rapidly whipped into shape by the committee of the host Hompa group.

Letters are being despatched to all Bussei chapters of the Pacific Northwest as well as Bussei groups in Raymond, Alberta and other B.C. points, inviting them to send representatives to the meet.

Rev. S. N. Pratt, American Buddhist priestess at Tacoma, has also been invited by the Hompa Y.W.B.A. to take an official part in the convention.

City Japanese Are Hardy People

VANCOUVER. — Vital statistics reveal that the Japanese are the most virile race here.

The Nipponese death rate (per 100 population) was 6.861, nearly 2 per cent lower than the previous year, and lower than other races classified in the report.

The Chinese rate was 19.151, and other races averaged 10.536.

At the same time the Japanese showed a birthrate of 21.71 per thousand, as compared with 10.09 for the Chinese and 16.53 for other races; and a natural increase of 14.85 compared with 7.9 for Chinese and 6.0 for other races.

Vancouver Japanese Purchase War Bonds

VANCOUVER.—Although definite figures on the total purchases of Canada War Bonds by Japanese citizens were not available, it was reported that members of the Japanese Merchants Association have bought over $3,000 worth and that members of another well-known firm have invested $2,600 in war bonds.

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The Red Cross Drive

This week the Canadian Red Cross opened its campaign to raise $5,000,000 in a nation-wide drive in which B. C.'s quota is $500,000. With the exception of Vancouver and West Vancouver where the Red Cross will be co-operating with the Greater Vancouver Welfare Federation in late October, official Red Cross workers will be calling in at every home to appeal for funds.

There is hardly any need to dwell upon the merits of the Red Cross Society. Its humanitarian work which knows no barrier of race or creed is above all reproach.

But we cannot stress too much the importance of each and every one of us contributing our little share to the cause.

We are indeed lucky to enjoy the privileges of normal living in this age of inhuman war methods. We have had no harrowing experience of scurrying into air-raid shelters in the pitch black of the night at the screech of sirens, of standing by helplessly while tons and tons of bombs were being dropped on our homes, of having relatives or friends killed by machine-gun bullets.

We are living in a country where democracy's flag, "a symbol of the sacredness of human life," still waves at full mast. And living we cannot help but pause to think of those who have been hit hard by the war and for whom the Red Cross is bending every effort to help.

No sacrifice on our part for the society, therefore, would appear too hard, too difficult for us to bear despite the many sacrifices we have made in the past.

Time Marches On!

There is deep rejoicing in our town today. And for good and sufficient reason. For our town has glimpsed the dawning of a new day and age —a vision that leaves us thoroughly breathless and inexpressibly thrilled.

A monument has been erected on Powell Street. A monument symbolic of this new age, declaring at last the passing of a time-honoured tradition, the relegation to oblivion of an ancient custom feverishly clung to by our younger generation, the end and utter destruction (WE HOPE) of "Japanese Time."

If you look up and down our street in either direction, you will see this monument, rising out of the fever and fumes and clatter and smells of our street, ineffable, immaculate, odourless, mute, its two hands pointing to the figures on its face, ineluctably, remorselessly tracing the cycle of our days. We mean the big clock just put up down the street.

And when our year and generation has passed into history, when this war shall live only in the memory of the most grizzled of our people, then indeed we shall take the youngest of our great grandchildren upon our knees, stroke our hoary beard and reminisce.

"Ah, yeah, 1940! How well I remember it. It was a Leap Year, the same year we got a huge clock on Powell Street. The same year the most barbarous of all our traditions was abolished. That year we stopped slaughtering time, waiting until we were half an hour late before we started out to our meetings."

Japanese Canadians

(From the Ottawa Morning Journal)

In the Vancouver "Province" is a timely appeal for fair treatment of the Canadian-born citizens of Japanese stock. The paper says properly that Japanese who have entered Canada illegally should be rounded up and deported, and that no further Japanese should be admitted at present. But it adds that we should not forget that most of the Japanese now in Canada were born in Canada, are Canadian citizens, and as such they should not be discriminated against. "Though of an alien race, they are our people," says the "Province." "They are Canadians."

"Are we going to keep them as good Canadians as as a continuing, festering sore? It is up to us. If we have the will and the sympathy and the understanding we can solve the problem. If we have not, we can not."

The "Journal" heartily agrees. A newspaper called "The New Canadian" is published in Vancouver by Japanese Canadians (in English), and there is no more loyal newspaper in this country. Its utterances throughout are warmly patriotic for Canada; it has a large circulation among Japanese Canadians, and undoubtedly indicates the strongly-prevailing sentiment among these Canadian-born people.

The main trouble in British Columbia is that these Canadian-born people are refused the provincial franchise — which automatically also deprives them of Dominion franchise. Thus they have no votes. If they could vote, they would be treated fairly by politicians; they could protect themselves in a measure. As it is, they are at the mercy of any demagogue who wants to make capital out of prejudice against the Japanese.

It is assuredly not desirable that Canada should have any more Japanese immigrants. With their alien birth, breeding and viewpoint, they are too difficult to assimilate in this country; it is becoming clear also that the leaders of Japan do not wish to show any friendliness towards the British Empire, but rather the reverse; and this country need not make any concession to them—but this should not prevent our fair play to Canadian-born citizens, no matter of Japanese race, who are outspoken in Canadian loyalty.

The Vancouver "Province" is to be congratulated on its courageous demand for fair treatment of the Nisei, the Japanese Canadian-born, a demand courageous in view of the prejudice which undoubtedly exists strongly in some quarters in British Columbia against any tolerance whatever of the Japanese race.

Japanese Life Line

(Excerpts from an article by Randall Gould, Staff Correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor in China and Manchukuo.)

ABOARD "ASIA" EXPRESS, SOUTH MANCHURIA.

This is Japanese empire-building at its best. We ride at fifty miles an hour in a modern, air-cooled observation car over the famous South Manchuria Railway northward from Dairen, through a green and smiling land where the Manchoukuo and the Nipponese Rising Sun banners float side by side in the villages that flash by.

It is true that the pampered tourist may forget that these villages are of mud, and not air-conditioned; that the fields and frequent well-kept orchards require plenty of back-breaking work. But it is also true that if we remember these things, we still have just what the Chinese peasant regards as A-1 living conditions: peace and order prevail and there is a chance to exist without actual suffering.

Things are going on in this country. However the individual farmer may come out in his contacts with the fixed-price purchasing monopolies recently set up, the laborer is worthy of his hire and he gets enough to bring him up from Shantung in large numbers—700,000 or so of him totalling with families up to a million last year, with efforts being made (thus far in the season according to schedule) to increase this to 1,400,000 for 1940. Those figures can't be evaded. Manchuria's markets, imported machinery and Five-Year Plan may be interfered with by the European war and too much planned or misplanned economy, but just the same things are on the boom.

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This is a rich country and given half a chance it can produce plenty of wealth. The Japanese have unquestionably given the Chinese a chance to work for them, though they have not neglected to take the explorer's liberal slice.

One hears tales of sporadic rebellion or persisting guerrilla operations up the line, but a realistic appraisal puts such things down as the exception and not the rule in this country. Japan laid a solid basis in Manchuria long before the military phase began in 1931, and spread out finally to take in China proper. Whether judged militarily, administratively, or by any other standard, Japan's best men and talents have been applied in this area. Certainly Manchuria is their pride, their "lifeline."

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Once aboard the "Asia" and my friends gone, I leaned on the rail and noted one of the sentries (Japanese) amusing himself by lunging at a wooden post, bearing an electric light, and jabbing it lightly with his bayonet. Just beyond lay several Chinese coolies, thinly clad, taking it easy on some matting. The soldier turned toward one and with a sudden show of what was meant as, and taken to be, humour lunged at him.

The coolie grinned, lifted a languid fan, and waved the soldier away. Since it was all in a spirit of fun, the Japanese sentry received this gesture with high good humour.

Considering how recently, after all, the Japanese and his colleagues had been jabbing at Chinese in that locality with grim earnestness, the incident impressed me. I concluded that both participants in the little comedy understood each other pretty well, no doubt a good deal better than either understood me — and they probably liked each other better than either liked me, too, I suspected. I was the "third party" in China.

Here in Manchuria, however, even such incidents are not likely to obtrude. The military side is not to the fore any longer.

But China proper is a good deal bigger nut even than the whole of Manchuria and it probably requires different technique in cracking. Whether that technique can be worked out is still a question. But a lot of questions have been pretty finally answered in the country bordering the South Manchuria Railway.

★ Letters

IS IT FAIR?

Editor, The New Canadian,

Sir: How unfortunate that we Niseis, more Canadian than most of the so-called Canadians, are refused firearms permit on the flimsy pretext that "in view of relations between Japan and China it is inadvisable that members of the two belligerent races should bear arms."

Apparently, our loyal and honest efforts to serve Canada "whose very existence is threatened" are of no avail. Surely to us Niseis, firearms have many proper uses without being directed to bring down a Chinaman or two. Deer, pheasant, duck hunting and target practice are all very harmless as far as human beings are concerned. To us fishermen there isn't perhaps a more enjoyable pastime. Then the farmers keep shotguns or "twenty-two's" handy for such pesky marauders as crows, chicken hawks, skunks, etc.

Confiscating firearms from the hands of the friendly and honest citizens of a certain group!!! And to say that "no loyal subject should object to such a small matter as the privilege of retaining arms being taken away"!

Gladly we will submit to the terms of the order if the terms be fair and justified. But under the circumstances we cannot help but feel irritated.

Ironical if not amusing is the fact that now the government calls up the Niseis to undergo compulsory military training. (I neither object nor wish to shirk such training.) I wonder if they still use firearms during training period? And of course, they never use them in wars! What a horrible hazard to the Chinese for the Japanese to be allowed to carry a rifle and vice versa!!!

Ill-treated Canadian.

INTERNATIONAL NATIONALIST

I recently saw an article in which a writer said that a certain person is an internationalist and that another is a nationalist. I wish I could see such a distinction clearly. I wish also to see the use of such a classification; for I fail to see what use there is in it, unless it be for propaganda or for a school debate.

A good internationalist must be a good nationalist and vice versa. The very terms connote it. A man who is not faithful to his own country cannot be depended upon for faithfulness to a world principle. One can serve best the cause of internationalism by serving his country. On the other hand, a nationalist can best advance the interests and honour of his country by being internationally minded. —Inazo Nitobe, "Editorial Jottings," 1933.

Second Generation Japanese Owe Loyalty to Canada Says Diplomat

Los Angeles Nisei Housing Project Finally Approved By City Council

The centre of a bitterly-fought controversy, the Nisei housing project in the Jefferson Park subdivision finally passed a 9-2 favorable verdict in a surprise decision of the Los Angeles City Council recently.

Not ruled upon since the contrary 7-5 vote at the last controversial meeting of the city fathers, the scheme had been sent to the Council by Superior Judge Thomas Gould with the specific instructions that the councilmen take action on the matter. Judge Gould warned them to approve or disapprove the project, or face the alternative of a contempt of court action.

State Reasons

The Council members were also instructed to state their reasons clearly in the event they voted against the tract map. The City Attorney's office previously had issued a statement that it could see no legal reason why the project should not be approved.

Faced with this legal pressure and with the contempt of court action staring them in the face if they stalled any longer, the Councilmen met and voted to grant permission.

Red Cross Battles Insidious Fifth Column Rumours

Now that the Canadian Red Cross Campaign for five million dollars is on, the gigantic "lie factory" of Herr Goebbels, which has branches in every part of Canada, is exceptionally busy turning out rumours against the Red Cross. Canadians are warned to be on the alert for this rumour-mongering about the Red Cross.

Particularly rampant is the one concerning the recent Canadian Red Cross decision to provide and pack in Canada 10,000 food parcels weekly for British prisoners of war in Germany. "Why give money to the Red Cross to buy food to send to prisoners of war in Germany?" say the fifth columnists. "Every one knows that the Germans will seize this food—and so we are feeding the enemy!"

This is untrue. The truth is that the International Red Cross Committee in Geneva and the Canadian Red Cross Society have ample proof that all British and Canadian prisoners of war in Germany do receive Red Cross food parcels.

According to International Red Cross Conventions, agreed to by 64 nations, inclusive of Germany, combatant countries ask embassies of neutral nations in enemy territory to act on their behalf on international matters arising within the enemy country. United States has been asked by Great Britain to perform these services for her—and one concerns British prisoners of war in Germany. All food parcels are sent first to Geneva, then are delivered at prison camps under the supervision of a representative of the American Embassy. Prisoners of each camp have the right to nominate one of their number to be present at the sorting.

14 Niseis In Record Freshman Class At Varsity

Last Friday morning Dr. L. S. Klinck in addressing the new freshmen class for the year 1940, stated that "despite the critical war situation in Europe the enrollment for this year has been the greatest in the history of the institution."

Of particular interest to the local community is the fact that in the record class will be fourteen Nisei students.

Out-of-town students attending the University for the first time will be Teruo Harada from Vancouver Island, Hideaki Hikida from Strawberry Hill, and Yutaka Kobayashi from Steveston. This year five Niseiettes have enrolled, namely, Misses Akiko Kagetsu, Shinko Nagata, Taka Nikaido, Lilian Shimotakahara, and Lily Uyeda. Male members of the Class of '44 are from Vancouver: Jack Kawaguchi, George Masuda, Hideo Miura, Henry Shoji, Samuel Toguri and Teiso Yyeno.

Quick-Thinking Nisei Father Saves Kiddies From Careening Car

James Hirano, 36, of Berkeley is convinced now that no place is safe from the menace of reckless drivers.

Hirano and his three children, Janet, 2, Robert, 6, and Ronald, 8, were standing on the lawn in front of their home one day this week, watching the automobiles go by.

Suddenly, an automobile driven by a 19-year-old lad turned a nearby corner at a high speed, careened out of control, and hurdled the curb directly in front of them.

The car narrowly missed the startled Hirano and his children, continued on till it struck the porch of their home, then bounced back and headed directly for them.

Working with split-second agility, Hirano swept little Janet out of the path of the wild-riding car, then threw himself and his two young sons to the ground as the vehicle passed over them, the wheels narrowly missing them.

All four suffered cuts, abrasions, bruises and other minor injuries.

Hirano and his kids won't stand in front of their home any more.

Retiring Minister To Canada Urges Young People To Excel In Their Work

"Just as I, as a subject of Japan, feel loyal to Japan, so the Nisei who are citizens of Canada owe their undivided allegiance and devotion to this country," declared Baron Shu Tomii in an interview with The New Canadian during his brief stay in Vancouver prior to his departure for Japan.

"The Nisei should be willing, in fact, they should count it a privilege to serve Canada in a time of national crisis like this," he continued.

Link in Friendship Chain

He went on to point out the important part B. C. citizens can play on the Pacific. People residing in the province, the gateway between Canada and the Orient, should hold it their duty and privilege to understand the Japanese and to promote good relations between the two nations, acting as the connecting link.

In critical times like the present, he said, the Japanese in B. C. should not, in keeping with the Japanese character of being reserved, be quiet on matters detrimental to their interests, because such an attitude would be construed by other Canadians as a silent approval of such discriminatory measures.

Glad to Get Back

Accompanying the minister was Mrs. Tomii and their young daughter. Mrs. Tomii revealed that although her stay in Canada was one of the most pleasant and most enjoyable, she declared that there was no place like one's real home.

In talking about the activities of women circles in the capital, she stated that everyone was taking an earnest part in the red cross work and in taking care of war refugees, better known as "war guests," in Ottawa.

In discussing the part the Nisei could play in the future of Canada, the retiring minister brought up the example of Hizi Koyke, renowned member of the San Carlo Opera Company. In his opinion, the Nisei should similarly strive to excel in any one vocation or calling they decide to take up, and to develop their talents along that particular line to perfection wherever possible so that Canadian society would find it simply impossible to ignore them. If even a few succeed in this way, Mr. Tomii asserted that their achievements would redound to the glory of the Nisei as a whole.

Canada's Foreign Policy

In discussing the present world situation, Mr. Tomii, who has been quite a baseball and tennis player in his youth and who is now a golfer of repute, likened the present diplomatic set-up between Canada, Great Britain and the United States to a golfer's stance. Canada has her feet (political and economic interests) in Britain and the States, and is shifting the weight of her policies from one foot to the other, according to the developments on the war front and the international situation. Her relations with Japan thus fluctuate with the changing tides of that country's relations with the other two powers.

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TOWN TOPICS

The Hompa Y.M.B.A. will be hosts to the members of the Hompa baseball team, champions of local Bussei circles, at a social to be held at the Kaikan this coming Saturday evening, commencing at 7 p.m. Among the honoured guests will be the Hompa Y.W.B.A. Plans are being pushed ahead to have the social take the form of a pre-convention rally to create interest in the coming Bussei conference.

WIND-UP PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Tanaka were gracious hosts to members of the champion Asahis and friends at a wind-up party at their lovely home on 20th avenue. A most enjoyable time was for everyone's asking.

GOOD LUCK!

Aboard the luxury liner, the "Yawata Maru," which left Vancouver September 22, on its return trip, were several prominent Japanese. Mr. K. Tsuyuki of Shinkosha is on a tour to film at first hand the Japanese Empire's 2600th anniversary festivities. Mr. Mas Sora, well known both in Cumberland and in Woodfibre, is making a brief visit to Japan. In Woodfibre, Mr. Sora is known for his work in the Ishinkai, a second generation organization.

Miss Yoshiko Nakasuji, R.N., has accepted a nursing post at Port Simpson. She left for Port Simpson on Friday evening.

WELCOME, VISITORS!

Several out-of-towners have been seen around the city. Victor Akira Saito, president of the Japanese Canadian Club at Ocean Falls, is in town, attending a local convention.

Mamoru Uyede and his cousin, Katsumi Uyede, of Victoria, are spending a few days in Vancouver before leaving for Englewood.

A GENTLE REMINDER

Don't forget the Seikokai A. Y. P. A. social in aid of the Dominion A. Y. P. A. Ambulance Fund at 3rd Avenue Church of Ascension at 8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 26. Only 25c! So everyone come and support the country's war effort!

HOME AGAIN

Mr. Roy Yamamura returned from Port Alice by plane last Friday after a ten-day business trip.

RED CROSS

The Gakuyukai group of the Red Cross will meet every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Nippon Club, commencing at 8 p.m. sharp! All members please turn out.

CGIT GRADUATION

An important meeting of the CGIT will take place at the Powell United Church Hall this Friday from 7:45 p.m. when the Pals Groups will graduate from the CGIT ranks.

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Name Rally Speaker

Rev. G. P. McLeod of the Shaughnessy Heights United Church, will be the speaker at the Sixth B. C. Japanese Young People's Christian Conference Rally which is to take place at the Powell United Church Thanksgiving Sunday, October 13, at three in the afternoon.

A delegates' Juncheon has been set to be held at the Eden Cafe, 571 Granville Street, prior to the service at 12:30.

This year, in view of troubled world conditions, officers decided to curtail the activities of the conference and hold a rally instead.

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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

23-28—Vancouver Folk Festival Week, Georgian Room, Hudson's Bay, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.
27—Japanese Programme, Folk Festival, 8 p.m.
26—Seikokai A. Y. P. A. Social, Church of Ascension, 8 p.m.
28—Hompa Y. M. B. A. Social, Kaikan, 7 p.m.
28—J. S. C. Frosh Reception, Killarney, 8 p.m., 50c couple.
28—Japanese Badminton Club Social, Hastings Auditorium, 7:30 p.m., 25c.

OCTOBER

5—Powell United Church Fujinkai Rummage Sale, Powell Gym.
13—6th Annual B.C. Y.P.C.C. Rally, Powell United Church, 3 p.m.
13—Y.P.C.C. Luncheon, Eden Cafe, 12:30.
14—Red Cross Dance, Peter Pan Ballroom, $1 couple.
15—Rissho Seinenkai Keirokai, Nichiren Temple.
18, 19—Gakuyukai Play, Japanese Hall.

JSC Frosh Reception At Killarney

The Frosh Reception — the welcoming of new students into the club—is the first function scheduled by the Japanese Students' Club to start another year of activities for the organization. It will be held at the Killarney, Point Grey Road and Bayswater, on Saturday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m. The whole programme has been placed in charge of the sophomore students who request that all those attending be on time.

Dr. and Mrs. G. Ishiwara, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kitagawa, and Dr. M. Miyazaki have been invited to attend as honorary guests.

The freshmen will be admitted free of charge upon presenting themselves at the gate with the full freshman regalia, while a small charge of 50c per couple will be charged for the others. All those who are interested are cordially invited to attend. Graduates and former members are particularly requested to attend.

Gakuyukai Drama Progressing Rapidly

Under the capable direction of Frank Nakamura, rehearsals are being held regularly by the cast of the Gakuyukai play, "New Year and Soldiers," scheduled to run at the Japanese Hall, October 18 and 19.

The leading roles in this play which is based on a story written by Corporal Ashihei Hino of "Wheat and Soldier" fame, depicting the life of the soldiers on the Chinese battlegrounds, are taken by the ever-capable Roy Kumano, Yoshio Matsui, George Shishido and Molly Madokoro.

If past performances are to furnish any criterion, the public may well start to look forward to an entertaining presentation by the seasoned Ga-

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By Cinderella

D'you know, I'm a little culture advocate now. You've guessed it, I went to the Eighth Annual Folk Festival. Of course, I've seen such things before, like needlepoint, tapestry work, woodcraft, and bead work, but only casual-like. I didn't know that every bit of totem carving was a graphic history of some Indian tribe, that the pretty design in the beaded wampums told some romantic love story of an Indian maiden and her warrior brave, that the beautiful bits of cloisonne took five years of some artist's life—five years to fire the metal, to beat it by hand, and then each piece strung one by one with tiny strands of wire.

LIKE A FRAGILE WHITE VIOLET

I saw the Japanese exhibit too! A simple interior of a Japanese home, austere in its simplicity, with the "tokonoma" (you know those things, with a long hanging, usually a scroll with some learned inscription, serving as a background to an ikebana) as the focal point of attraction. Of course, I've seen this sort of thing before, too, but there, thrown in among the ornate, elaborate and vivid colors of other national exhibits, the whole thing was like a fragile white violet among a bevy of red roses and golden chrysanthemums.

And then I noticed how one twig of the flowers arranged before the Tokonoma—just a deft bending—and I saw September woods: a winnowing breeze over green rice paddies, and the call of a distant flute. Me, getting all this out of a certain "twist" in a branch of a tree! Me, who always thought that all the fuss over flower arranging was so much hue and cry over small details, so much traditional ritual that had very little place in the Canadian scene.

THE RITUAL OF BOWING AND SCRAPING

And then I thought of Cha-no-yu—the Japanese tea-ceremony. 'Twas another of those things I had relegated to the past, together with my venerable parents' admonitions about lady-like decorum, of feudal traditions and filial piety. Why in heaven's name did we have to go through the ritual of bowing and scraping just to brew a cup of tea; and anyway, tea cold is one of the seven deadly sins in my existence.

But, isn't it a funny thing, though, that appreciation comes with understanding. Cha-no-yu, I found, to my surprise, was practical, truly, in its application. Yes, it's an age-old institution founded upon the adoration as we find it in the routine of daily life.

It teaches us to do the daily household tasks in a beautiful manner, based on simplicity, economy of action, to appreciate the beauty in performing the act, and to feel the beauty in seeing it performed by others. (Whee! How would I do as cultural lecturer at some local school?) It cultivates the mind to see beauty in the very act of making a fire to boil a kettle of water, of preparing bowls of tea, and of drinking tea. Even in the humble task of sweeping a floor, in the serving of a meal, in the opening of a door, Cha-no-yu devotees learn to see beauty—beauty in the performance of everyday things. And I, simple me, was concerned only over the matter of the tea being hot or cold!

FISHBONE WITHOUT THE FISH

And take Japanese poetry too. Fed with generous helpings of Romantic and Victorian literature, Japanese poetry, especially the Haiku—you know the famous seventeen-syllables—were to me like fishbone without the fish, until I came across this translation from Basho, the best known of haiku poets.

The warriors' brave deeds a dream!
Ah, summer grasses wave!

Ordinary words, no thought "tempered with fire." Then I read this comment, I guess written for ignorants like me. "Unusually vivid is the picture raised before us. A field desolate but for a shrine or two in a rueful condition of neglect. Wild grass running riot everywhere under the spent sun of a summer afternoon, is strangely reminiscent of samurais, officers and men, who fought, dreamed of home, and fell in this same field centuries ago." This reaction is instantaneous. Yes the Japanese have something there! I find more food for thought in these two short lines than in twenty stanzas of Childe Harold's Pilgrimage.

One fine day I hope to brew you some tea. (No doubt the tea will be cold, but you'll be thunderstruck by the beauty and serenity of my performance!) And if you promise to be congenial, I might even read you my brand of "haiku." (Sh! This is a confession.) Dozo irashite kudasai.

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On Negro Music

By A. Y.

The origins of negro music to continue our short series on the contributions of other racial groups besides the Japanese to the culture of America—is steeped in the mysteries of the deep African jungles, the land of the tom-toms. In America it was on the plantations, levees and cabarets that negro music was first sung and popularized. It existed deep-rooted in the negro peasant of the South, nourished, ironically enough, by the suffering and intense religious feeling of the simple negro folk living in abject slavery, and found voice in their "spirituals."

Although the generation and conditions which produced these "spirituals" have changed, although the songs were never written down or formally composed, although they were despised by the negro church itself after it had grown sophisticated and puritanized, and—although there was a mushroom growth of cheap imitations and corruptions, these "Jubilees" as they were first called, have come down to this very day, surviving all the abuses.

Only since the turn of the century have the profundity and true folk character of the spirituals been gradually recognized. Men began to realize that though naive in form and simple in language, they clothed a deep and intense religious sentiment—the expression of the negro's spiritual triumph over his suffering and sorrow in religious ecstasy and hope.

One man playing an important part in their recognition was Anton Dvorak, the Bohemian composer, who introduced themes modelled after these spirituals into his "From the New World" Symphony (1894) with astounding success.

Today in spite of effective solo versions of these songs, by singers such as Paul Robeson, Roland Hayes and Marian Anderson, it is coming to be accepted more and more that the best interpretation is to be achieved through choral arrangements, just as the Don Cossack choir which has appeared before Vancouver audiences has shown off to great advantage the dynamic beauty of Russian folk music.

The spirituals are the most characteristic product of negro genius to date. They are its great folk gift, and rank among the classic folk songs in the whole world because of their moving simplicity, their characteristic originality and their universal appeal. Although their hey-days belong to the middle of the last century, they are still being composed, and good ones at that.

Here are a few typical spirituals: "Lord, I Can't Stay Away," "Heaven, Heaven," "Roll, Jordan, Roll," and "De Glory Road."

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Essayist Paints Glowing Picture Of Japan On Return To City

Setting his foot once more on Canadian soil Sunday from the Hikawa Maru after a trip in Japan as a guest of the Japan Times and Mail was Morris Shumiatcher, young Alberta student-at-law, and winning essayist in the Japan Times Contest.

"What impressed me most about Japan was the great hospitality of the people and the striking beauty of the country," he said to The New Canadian. Sights such as the Nikko shrine, sunrise on Mount Fuji, the bustling city of Tokyo were described in vivid detail by Mr. Schumiatcher.

The young traveller also disclosed his surprise at the modernity of the country, yet at the same time noticed that the old way of thinking persisted under the veneer of westernization.

Japanese Family System

He discovered also that despite the industrialization of the country, the family unit still forms the framework of the Japanese social structure, and showed an especial interest in the functioning of the Japanese "family council."

While in Japan, the embryonic lawyer delivered a speech over the Japan Broadcasting Corporation for North American audiences.

During his stop-over in Vancouver, Mr. Schumiatcher stayed at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith. He took the C.P.R. train east Tuesday evening.

Powell Y.P. Elects Jin Ide President

Two things impress the Nisei visitor to Japan, Yutaka Uyeda told some 100 members of the Powell Young People's Society at their first general meeting of the Fall season last Sunday evening in the Church Hall.

Mr. Uyeda, prominent in United Church Young People's work in the city and recently returned from a three months trip to Japan, was much impressed by the surprising modernity of Japan. One's first impression, he said, was its similarity to California.

Secondly, the speaker declared in his talk, even after four years of war, to the casual observer there is little to suggest the strain which the country must be experiencing from carrying the burden of the war.

Retiring President Eiji Yatabe and Secretary Teiko Ide delivered encouraging reports on last year's work to the meeting, which began just 40 minutes late.

In general elections, Jin Ide was chosen to lead the society for the coming year. Assisting him will be an enlarged executive comprising Frances Fukushima and Teiko Ide, vice-presidents; Miyca Okamura, treasurer; Norah Fujita, secretary; Mas Izumi and Kimimichi Arai, publicity; Convenors, Aki Hyodo, public forum; Yuki Arai, Missions; Kasey Oyama, Citizenship; Miyo Ishiwata, Culture; Koto Yatabe, drama; Dave Arikado and Mary Saegusa, Recreation; Tak Komiyama, Fellowship; Chiyo Hyodo, Membership; Yoshiko Tanabe, Kiyo Obokata and Violet Fujikawa, Social.

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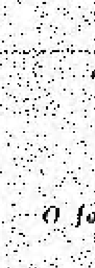
my anguished mind cries out to speechless space;
but emptiness does not answer
for death has no sensitivity . . .
and yet knowing this, I am at loss!
You
who were so deep to me
you lived as life would have so desired
and even more,
yet how little it gave to you!
How soon the world stripped you of youth and laughter;
but naught could rob the music in your soul
for music was your strength, your blood, your all!
O forget dear friend,
forgive the world,
the hearts that wearied you.
You
whose breath was stronger than the frame
are not forever gone,
for something greater than
the flesh, the breath,
your inner strength, the spirit of your all
breathes on your name . . .
For you this is the end which has no end.
So shall your silence reign.

Miyo Ishiwata



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Water 'neath the Bridge...

By T. M. K.

"Idols with feet of clay" is a common way of describing our broken illusions. I think it is a picturesque and apt description. An infallible idol crashes to earth with its accompanying cloud of choking dust and debris. Looking it over one finds the feet only of destructible, crumbling clay, and one wonders it stood as long as it did. Perhaps our very faith obliged the illusion to stay in place until the props of themselves tumbled down into dust.

How many of us idealize . . . say, a certain person . . . build up a golden image of our wishful delusions about that person, worship at its shrine and promise ourselves glamorous dreams' fulfillment? I place a wager at long odds that every one has at one time or another seen a non-existent halo around some favored man or woman. Gullibility . . . faith . . . which is it?

The awakening is disastrous.

Some people take a long time before they realize the disappointing truth. These are the ones who are generally unwilling to acknowledge being a sucker. The conflict between blind belief and sore wisdom drags out with punishing tenacity. When at length they do admit the painful truth, much damage to our self-esteem may have been done. The agony of realization may be short and sharp or long and bitter, depending on the character of the dreamer. Accompanying the agony there is always a weary unhappiness.

Feet of clay . . . broken dreams and illusion . . . and another notch in the molding of our character, another layer of shell around us to protect our sensitivity.

How thick is the hide that covers our inner selves? The more sensitive we are, the thicker the protective shell. When we were young and vulnerable, the soft resilience of our hearts still innocent and untrained made easy target for the barbs of the cruel tongues and deeds of the sadistic people around us. How often our youthful and trusting spirits shrank in sudden, unmerited pain from the thrusts of the mean and the envious "friends."

All too soon we learn the expediency of cloaking our real feelings and showing to the world a false front, inwardly hoping that it will fool the "birds of prey" but not the true friends. Sometimes we are lucky in the choice of front, and happily it guards us from the worst stings. But sometimes, we are not so fortunate. We let a crust grow on us that is unpleasant and difficult to dislodge when we want to do so. The people around point us out as victims of inferiority complexes, and pity us and this last is what we desire the least.

The adjustment between self and environment is one of the most important phases we have to go through to attain our stature as responsible men and women. At this time, it is decided for us what is to be our future line of conduct, our processes of thought, our acceptance of the world as it really is, not as the figment of our pre-awakening dreams.

So, we say: Appearances are deceiving. A golden idol may be hiding its fundamental weakness under glittering coat. A brusque and wisecracking manner may be hiding a heart fearfully tender and sensitive.

This is My Window

NOTE: This is the second in a new series of articles exclusive to The New Canadian written by Shinobu Higashi, former editor-in-chief of this paper. From his window in the new Manchuria Daily News building, office of an all-English daily published in Hsinking, capital of Manchoukuo, Mr. Higashi will record for our readers some of his impressions of this newest and rapidly-expanding Far Eastern State.

THE summer rain slowly patters the glistening pavement outside, strewing the green of the boulevard or softly pelting the [illegible] of the rickshawman.

Summer is the rainy season in Manchoukuo. The rain falls in a drizzle that mists the yonder trees. Or was it yesterday, it fell in a torrent of fury, lashing branches to the ground, whipping the flapping awnings of "mache" and "yanche" in rage? Rivulets cascaded down the streets muddy with washed earth. Roads became a quagmire, while the [illegible] crop lay beaten to the ground, breathless with struggle and defeat.

Viewing the vast stretch of the Manchoukuo plains, one is reminded of the Canadian prairies—black soil in undulating waves losing itself to the eye in the distance. But, the Manchoukuo plains do not produce wheat in the same way that has made Canada famous.

The summer wet mildews the wheat before it is ripe, and no respite is gained in autumn—the sharp frost of early winter is on it. Cotton balls remain unfulfilled, oats and barley yield a meagre margin.

But, the soya bean luxuriates in this weather. It soaks in the rain and thirsts for more. There is no other reason than this why 60 percent of the total soya bean crop of the world is grown here.

A wonder crop is the soya bean. Coffee, margarine, condensed milk, soy sauces, soups, cheese, salad oil, crackers, macaroni, flour and confectionery are among the numerous foodstuffs that the soya bean yields.

American bakeries advertise the use of soya bean flour in their bread, for bread keeps fresh when baked with a little soya bean flour. The Manchus eat the bean as such, while the Japanese make the universal bean paste from it.

Clothing, too, can be made from soya beans. Science has produced artificial wool from the lowly yellow bean that can be grown anywhere in Manchoukuo with such little care.

Alcohol, glycerine, explosives, enamels, varnishes, paints, soap, celluloid, rubber substitutes, printing ink, lighting and lubricating oils as by-products, while fertilizer, cattle fodder are other uses which scarce need mention.

From the casein produced from soya beans, miracle plastics have been made. Hand in hand with the unceasing wonders performed by science, the soya bean is finding greater uses. The steering wheels of Ford cars are reputedly made from plastics of soya bean origin.

It will not be long before eating utensils, aeroplane bodies and a whole gamut of commodities will be produced from soya beans. The soya bean, king product of Manchoukuo, can virtually support a civilization on its own.

And the summer rain outside continues to fall, soaking into the earth, aiding the lowly rickshamen with the extra-customer anxious to save the new panama from the rain. And somewhere, the Manchu farmer looks across his green fields and ponders—so high the soya bean—so [illegible].

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...hose notified among the ...ond generation were Mitsuo ...ni, Genichi Nakahara, Yu... ...Nakashima, Tommy Oka... ...Iwao Taniwa and Masao ...jimoto.

Surrey Sunshine

By Kay Hirasawa

...he first meeting of the new ...m of the Surrey Japanese ...ls' Club was held at the ...ne of Miss Pollie Ujiye on ...t. 5. Opening addresses ...e given by the honorary ...sident, Mrs. Carbutt, and ...the retiring president, Miss ...ye.

...lections for new officers re... ...ed in Miss Teruko Sato be... ...chosen president; Miss Ya... ...Yasui, vice-president; Miss ...ako Takahashi, secretary-...asurer; and Miss Hideko ...rino, assistant-treasurer.

...ater in the afternoon a ...thday tea was celebrated for ...s Masayo Takahashi, when ...had as guests Miss K. Ya... ...moto of Cumberland, Miss ...Hirose and one lone male ...est.

...gular Meeting

...The regular meeting of the ...b was held at the home of ...s Tashima on Sept. 18. Miss ...Hirasawa was chosen as sec... ...ary-treasurer in place of ...s F. Takahashi, who re... ...ned.

...After the meeting a birthday ...was celebrated for Miss T. ...o.

...The next meeting will be ...d at the home of Miss Y. ...sui on Roebuck Rd., Oct. 2 ...1:30 p.m. An open invitation ...cordially extended to all ...ls wishing to join. Please be ...for our next meeting.

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Capital City Chatter

Visitors . . .

Mrs. S. Ebata and son have returned to Vancouver after spending a week here visiting her mother, Mrs. Shimizu.

A former Victorian, Michie Ashikawa, Vancouver's "best dressed" Nisei, dropped into town and was the guest of Masao Kuwabara over the week-end.

Honeymooners . . .

The latest "newlyweds" to visit Victoria have been Mr. and Mrs. George S. Baba from Eburne and Mr. and Mrs. G. Nishimura from Vancouver. Both couples were here early last week.

Vagaries . . .

'Tis rumoured that "H.E." will be home again soon — just how true time only will tell. . . . As one certain party was known to have said in a letter home, "The weather isn't nothing to write home about . . ." — "why bother to write about it then? . . ." Here's a special request by Harold Kawasoe, who has been "ribbed" plenty since coming home from his recent jaunt to the mainland, quote, "Say, if you think I went all the way over there to attend the symphony concert, you're crazy!" Sym-(ed)-phony to us, too, Harold . . . **Paldi Parade**, please take note: "Ray" wants to know if you're not infringing on someone else's territory by singing

Prince Rupert Patter

By Hiroshi Hamasaki

This is Station R.R.P. back on the air lanes after a brief layoff, with news highlights of the Nisei world in B. C.

Return from Japan

Recently returned from Japan was Hiroyuki Yamanaka, accompanied by his bride. Your announcer joins in with the local young people in wishing them a bon voyage on the sea of matrimony.

Return from Vacations

To Vancouver and vicinity are going Akinobu Tsuji, Shigeo Hamasaki, Hari Suehiro and Kana Yamanaka. To Kingston City is the destination of Hiroji R. Yamanaka where he will attend Queen's University. Mr. Yamanaka has been awarded a three-year scholarship at the University. Congratulations, Hiroji!

A banquet was held in his honour, Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Kai Kan Hall. Among the speakers were such eminent people as Miss I. A. Mills and Mr. W. W. C. O'Neill, principal of Booth Memorial High School, former scene of Mr. Yamanaka's studies.

The Japanese Mission was a merry place Friday, the 13th,

when Misses Lang and Heaps were hostesses to a host of friends at a welcome-and-farewell party.

yourself, "C.A."? . . . And the Reporter for Bloedel Banner, please lend an ear: Friend "Jimmie" would like to know how you hunt your grouse — with a sling-shot, maybe?

In memory of Joey T. Kadonaga who lost his life in the Skeena, August 13, 1940:

Gone is the face we knew so dear,
Silent is the voice we knew so well;
Too far away for sight or speech,
But not too far for thought to reach.
Sweet to remember him who once was here
And who, though absent, is just as near.
—Ever remembered by his friends.

Last Frame Rally Gives Kitsies Nod Over Steveston

Trailing 5-3, the Kitsilano Busseis tallied four times in their last time at bat to take the rubber game of their exhibition series, 2-1, with the Steveston Fuji Juniors last Sunday at Steveston.

Fujis Open Scoring

In the opening inning, Mori of the Fujis, a cyclone on bases as well as a dangerous hitter, crashed the scoring column by connecting with Yamada's fast one for a triple, driving Kishi and Naruse ahead of him who were on the war path by virtue of a hit and a base on balls. Mori himself crossed the plate on Mizoguchi's infield out.

While Kitsilano could garner only one run in the second and two in the third, off Steveston's chuckers Tanino and Simpson, Fujis added a singleton in the fourth and another in the sixth and seemed headed for victory until the blow-up in the seventh and last frame.

Over-anxious to hold the 2-run lead, the Fujis' defense collapsed like a punctured balloon in that fatal inning. Two lusty singles, combined with four costly errors, three of them off shortstop Mukai, sent four runs home to give the Kitsies their first and only lead which they kept intact to end the game in their favour, 7-5.

Heavy Hitters

Leading the Fujis' five-hit attack was Mori with a triple and a single in two times at bat, while Yoshio Terada smacked out two singles in two trips to spearhead the Kitsies' eight-hit parade.

Score by innings:

Kitsies	012 000 4—7
Fujis	300 101 0—5

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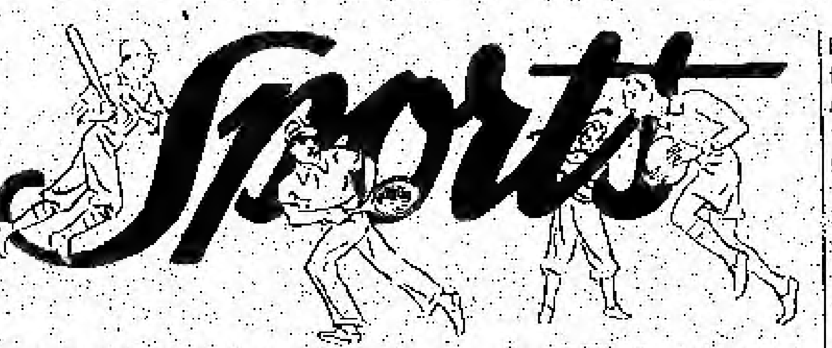

Shuttlers Outline Season's Plans

The shuttle season is here! Last Wednesday the representatives of the Japanese Badminton Club gathered together at the Sun Pekin and outlined their activities for the coming year.

The set-up of the league for the coming year will be just about the same as last year with the four squads, Y.P.S., Strathcona, Gakuyukai and Steveston, trying desperately to outsmash each other. A possible entry in the Japanese Badminton League is Haney. League games are expected to start around the end of November or early December and shall be played this year on Mondays.

ENTER GVAA

Due to the great advancement in popularity of Badminton last year and also because of the wonderful showing in the exhibition games against G.V.A.A. squads, the Japanese League has decided to enter a shuttle squad in the G.V.A.A. Division C. This is the first time in the annals of Vancouver's Lil' Tokyo that Japanese entry was made in the G.V.A.A. Leagues.

Because of the entry in the city league, a player in the G.V.A.A. may not participate in any Japanese League games. This ruling gives the younger shuttle-fiends a chance they have been long waiting for.

Strathcona Opens Session

In the Strathcona camp, pre-season prep practices will commence in the first week of October. Owing to the large membership, Secretary Matsui has successfully negotiated for two nights, Tuesday and Friday. A captain for each night will be chosen by the players.

This year the Strathcona Club has been expanded considerably by the enlisting of many Nippon Tennis Club stars. Shig Yamashita, the prize tennis find of the year, has already signed up while others are following suit.

"Mat" Matsui tells me that Dick Takenaka, captain of the Kennedy Athletic Club's badminton crew, dropped in on him the other day and stressed his desire to see the local boys in action. Invitation has been extended to him and perhaps in the future exhibition games between his club and the local clubs can be arranged.

Matsui is also trying to contact some badminton players across the border for an international match.

Powell Y. P. S. shuttlers start this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Japanese Gym.

Slowly but surely, the Japanese Basketball League is starting to take shape. The league is by no means running smoothly yet but the delegates of the various teams got together for a serious talk at the Tairiku Hall last Sunday night.

Hitherto the whole basketball layout was entirely in the hands of Director Mi Akiyama. This year for the first time officers were elected to assist Mi in making the basketball league into a strongly organized body.

ELECTIONS

Mi Akiyama was unanimously elected president and treasurer, Tommy Iwasaki as vice-president, and Seiji Onizuka as secretary. A board of control was also established to handle all difficulties that may arise. This board, composed of the three officials and a representative from each team will act on all matters pertaining to the league.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES

The deadline date for entries has been set at October 15, and all teams sponsored by commercial firms must pay a franchise fee of $5.00 for the seniors and $2.50 for the intermediates on that day. After much pro and con the senior players' membership fee was raised to $1.00; the intermediates (last year's juniors), the same, 50c, plus the initial fee of 25c.

Instalment paying plans may be arranged, but all fees, collected by the team managers, must be in the hands of the league treasurer by the 31st of December, 1940. All players not paid up at that time would be considered ineligible, and any team using such players would be subject to protest of games by opposing teams.

PRE-PLAY-OFF RULING

If a team manager wishes to sign up a new player, he must fill out and complete the membership form and forward the same to the league secretary 48 hours before the game. During that 48-hour period, the player must be in town.

In the event a player leaves town prior to the playoffs and returns, he must have had played at least 3 scheduled games during the current season. Such rulings would stop the hustling of some good players from out of town points for the final playoffs.

After January 15, 1941, a half a month before the playoffs, no transfers or new players will be taken in by the league. Team managers should take special note of this important item.

BREAK WITH JCCL?

When the question of the basketball league breaking ties with the JCCL arose, Representative Dr. George Ishiwara, president of the Vancouver Chapter, gave a short talk. He stressed emphatically that as far as JCCL and the basketball league were concerned, there would be no gains or losses to ei[ther] parties. He said that when a body as the basketball league co[m]bines with and supports the [...] the JCCL gets that much strength to work for the [...] cause.

It was finally decided to [...] the matter over until the Vancouver chapter has its annual meeting to which the basketball league [will] send representatives and [...] whether or not the JCCL will sponsor the basketball league [this] year or not.

There will be at least two meetings before the league swings into action the first week in November to approve the constitution which will be thoroughly revised by the officials in charge.

Birdmen To Flit At Badminton Social

Come one, come all, super-colossal, social de luxe. Yes sir, everybody welcome to the badminton social this Saturday, September 28 at the Hastings Auditorium from 7:30 till midnight.

The music will be nothing but the best. Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, Mart Kenny, in fact all the swellegant bands that A.Y. of the Music Box raves about. And ah . . . we mustn't forget the eats. The badminton lassies are going to rustle up some fancy grub, enough of it to make your stomach say "uncle." The price for all this, just two-bits.

Ahem, Secretary Matsui has asked me to break this news gently, so here goes: The ladies who have been chosen to hustle up the necessary eats are Misses Fumi Deshima, Edith Ikeda, Lucy Koyanagi, Sadako and Masako Iwasa, Edith Ikeda and Maruko Maruno. I hope you cook up something good girls.

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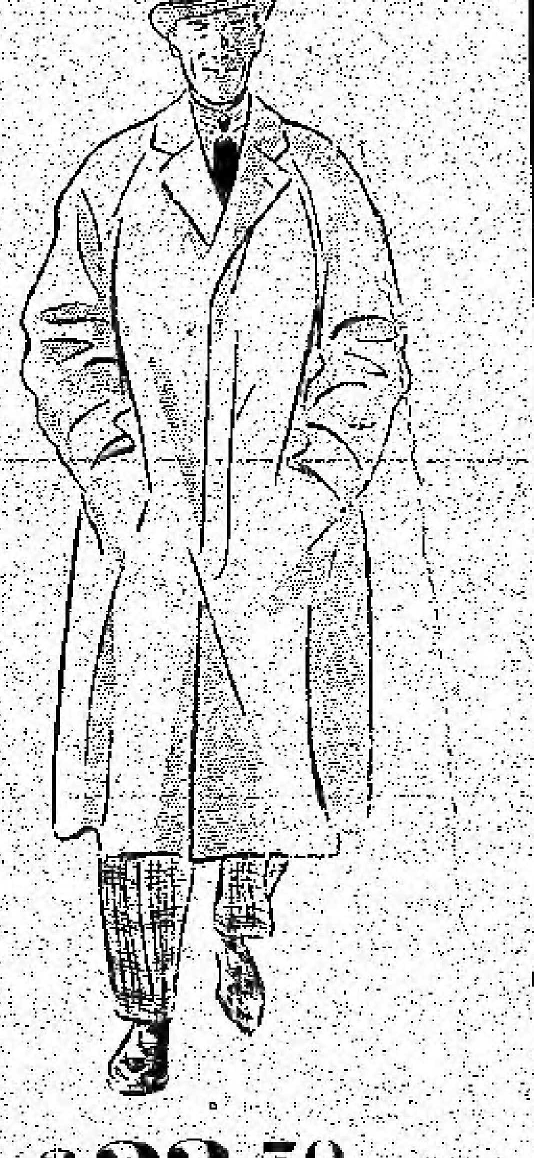

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